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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1052

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SUBJECT: BELBASE AGREEMENT AND TANZANIA - BURUNDI RELATIONS

1. ZAIRE, BURUNDI, AND RWANDA INHERITED BELBASE FACILITY --  
SHED AND AUXILIARY FACILITIES -- AT PORTS OF DAR ES SALAAM  
AND KIGOMA ( ON LAKE TANGANYIKA) FROM BELGIAN COLONIAL PERIOD.  
FACILITY WAS DESIGNED FOR MARSHALLING THREE NATIONS' EXPORTS  
AND IMPORTS. FOLLOWING TANZANIAN INDEPENDENCE, GOT  
NATIONALIZED FACILITIES WHICH ARE NOW USED BY THREE COUNTRIES  
ON RENTAL BASIS. QUESTION OF COMPENSATION TO BURUNDI, ZAIRE,  
AND RWANDA REMAINS.

2. TWO BURUNDI MINISTERS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC WORKS, ARRIVED  
UNEXPECTEDLY IN DAR ES SALAAM MARCH 26 EXPECTING TO TAKE PART  
IN FOUR- NATION TALKS ON COMPENSATION FOR BELBASE FACILITIES.  
ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST IN  
FONMIN, MINISTERS WERE CONFUSED AS TO DATE OF MEETING.  
ZAIRE DELEGATION, WHICH IS KEY TO DISCUSSIONS, IS CURRENTLY  
IN BRUSSELS AND WILL NOT ARRIVE TANZANIA UNTIL APRIL 2.  
RWANDA HAS DESIGNATED ITS AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM TO  
TAKE PART. GOT HAS SET APRIL 2 AS DATE FOR BEGINNING OF  
TALKS ON COMPENSATION. BURUNDI MINISTERS HAVE BEEN TOLD  
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THEY CAN WAIT IN DAR ES SALAAM UNTIL APRIL 2 OR RETURN  
LATER.

3. COMMENTING ON RELATIONS WITH BURUNDI, FONMIN OFFICIAL  
NOTED THAT UNTIL RECENTLY NYERERE HAD CLOSE AND CORDIAL  
RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT MICOMBERO. RECENT ATTACK ON  
TANZANIAN VILLAGES HAS CHANGED SITUATION AND NYERERE IS  
REPORTEDLY VERY UNHAPPY WITH GOB. SITUATION MAY IMPROVE  
SLIGHTLY NOW THAT BURUNDI AMBASSADOR HAS DEPARTED TOGETHER  
WITH LOCAL NEWSMEN TO OBSERVE ATTACKED VILLAGES. FONMIN  
OFFICIAL ADMITTED THAT SOME BURUNDI REFUGEES IN TANZANIA  
HAVE BEEN CROSSING BORDER AND CAUSING TROUBLE IN BURUNDI.  
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